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SEPARATION, AND PREPARING METHOD,  
QUANTIFYING METHOD AND PRESERVING  
CONTAINER FOR BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE



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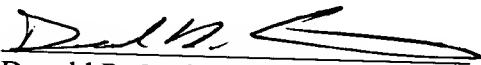
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Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of January 15, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the Group II claims 14-29 and 37-41 drawn to Bio-sample preparation and quantifying methods classified in class 424, subclass 529.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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